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Ttile: Regarding recent Medical Entrance Examination.

**श्री राजीव सातव (हिंगोली) :** अध्यक्ष जी, शुक्रवार के दिन मैंने जो मुद्दा उठाया था, उसे मैं आज फिर से दोहराना चाहूंगा।

महोदया, यह मामला नीट मेडिकल एंट्रेंस एग्ज़ाम से संबंधित मामला है। खास तौर से महाराÂट्र के 80 प्रतिशत विद्यार्थी इससे बाधित हुए हैं। हमारे यहां एमएचटी सीईटी एग्ज़ाम है उसके लिए सिर्फ 12वीं का पाठ्यक्रम होता है और नीट एग्ज़ाम के लिए 11वीं और 12वीं का पाठ्यक्रम है और इस वजह से हमारे 80 प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों के नीट के एग्ज़ाम में पीछे रहने की संभावना है। हमारे सभी विद्यार्थी ग्रामीण क्षेत्र से हैं। इसमें जब लॉ प्वायंट की बात आती है तो केंद्र सरकार इसमें पूरी तरह से दोÂाळ है क्योंकि जब सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र सरकार से पूछा कि क्या आप इसके लिए तैयार हो तो केंद्र सरकार ने राज्य सरकार की इसमें किसी तरह की भूमिका का ध्यान रखा और इसमें एडिशनल सालिसिटर जनरल ने पूरा टेंटेटिव प्रोग्राम ही सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सामने रखा है।

महोदया, मेरी आपके माध्यम से सरकार से विनती रहेगी कि कम से कम स्पेशल लीव पेटीशन के जरिए सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सामने यह बात रखी जाए और महाराÂट्र के विद्यार्थियों के साथ जो अन्याय हुआ, उसके लिए सरकार पहल करे।

HON. SPEAKER: Now, Shri K.C. Venugopal. He is also on the same issue.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam Speaker, thank you very much for allowing me to raise a very important issue which is adversely affecting the future of our students in the country.

Madam, the decision taken by the Supreme Court, which instructed the Central Government to implement the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) from the academic year 2016-17, has aroused much confusion and apprehension among the students and parents in many States, including Kerala. The Court also decided the schedule for holding NEET exam on 1st May and 24th July, 2016 and the declaration of the results will be on 17th August, 2016. The counselling and admissions will be held later. The common entrance exam, NEET, is intended to replace all other entrance examinations conducted by the State Education Boards and private institutions. The hasty decision to hold common entrance examination this year is not practical and it will put the career of lakhs of students, who are not prepared for that, at risk.

Moreover, some States, including Kerala and Gujarat, have already conducted State level medical entrance examination and any change in the examination schedule and admission procedure will create total havoc. The decision to hold a common entrance exam replacing multi-entrance and admission process is a welcoming one. However, there should be a long preparation and credible mechanism to conduct such a significant examination. The Government of Kerala has expressed its willingness to follow the procedure of NEET from the next academic year since it is not practical to cancel the State level entrance examination, which is already completed. There is also a strong disparity and discrimination since the examination is conducted in two phases.

The Centre has proposed to hold the examination in two phases. The Centre and the Central Board of Secondary Education have proposed the schedule for NEET in which 6.5 lakh candidates can appear in the first phase. The second phase is proposed to be held on 24th July, 2016. Undoubtedly, conducting a national level examination in two phases is truly discriminatory as the question cannot be repeated in the second examination as it is already out. Asking fresh questions will be unfair as there cannot be any equal treatment for students. There should not be any hasty implementation without proper discussion and preparation.

I would request the Government to take necessary steps to maintain the *status quo* in this matter and to hold the National Eligibility Entrance Test from next year onwards. Therefore, I am urging upon the Government to take sufficient legal steps to conduct this NEET from next year onwards.

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, Shri P.K. Biju, Shri Shivkumar C. Udasi, Shri Nishikant Dubey, Smt. Jayshreeben Patel, Smt. Jyoti Dhurve, Shri E.T. Mohammad Basheer,

Shri Rahul Kaswan, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Shri Jitendra Chaudhury, Adv. Joice George, Shri Ramcharan Bohara, Dr. Manoj Rajoria, Shri Harish Chandra Meena, Dr. Kirit Solanki and Shri Gopal Chinayya Shetti are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri K.C. Venugopal.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): Madam Speaker, let me make it very clear that it is not a Government decision. Shri Rajeev Satav should have verified his facts before saying it in the House. I am not trying to find fault with anybody because the record has to be straight. उन्होंने कहा कि केन्द्र सरकार इसमें दोÂाळ है। लेकिन इसमें केन्द्र सरकार का कोई दोÂा नहीं है। यह आदेश सर्वोच्च न्यायालय से मिला है। हमने सरकारी की ओर से कोर्ट के सामने कहा है कि स्टेट्स की बात सुनने के बाद निर्णय किया जाए, तो अच्छा होगा। मगर कोर्ट के आदेश पर कोई व्याख्या करने के लिए मैं तैयार नहीं हूँ। मगर यह सच है कि that this is an All-India Examination. Fifteen per cent of seats is given to outsiders on all India basis. Eighty-five per cent of seats are given to the local students and to the State students.

As Shri Venugopal has rightly said, there is a problem of State Boards having normal examinations in their vernacular languages. People are studying in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi and many other languages. Now, this examination will be in English and Hindi. There are some practical problems. There is some heart-burning also when pre-medical examination has been converted. That also is not done by the Government. That is the Court order. Keeping all these things in mind, I will be discussing with the Health Minister today. After I came to know about the notice in the beginning itself, I have tried to find him. He is not there. He will be coming back. Once the Health Minister comes, we will discuss among ourselves and then find out.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: How can the court decide such an impractical thing?

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: How can I say something about how court decides?

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: How can a court fix that thing?

HON. SPEAKER: How can he say about that?

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: I cannot answer on behalf of the court. Let us not make it further complicated. I will convey the views of the hon. Members to the hon. Health Minister. There are also articles coming up in different newspapers. There are also two views on that. Let the Government take up the matter with the law officers concerned and find out what can be done now. ...(*Interruptions*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** ऐसा नहीं होता है। श्री वेणुगोपाल जी, डिसकशन ऐसे नहीं होता है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record. Only the Minister's Statement will go on record.

...(*Interruptions*)â€¦*

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** इससे सभी जगहों के बच्चे प्रभावित हुए हैं, केवल आपके यहाँ के ही बच्चे प्रभावित नहीं हैं। So, he is saying something. This is not the way.

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**श्री एम. वैंकैय्या नायडू :** मैंने आपकी बात सुनी है। मैंने ध्यान में लिया है तेलंगाना के बारे में, आंध्र प्रदेश के बारे में, कर्नाटक के बारे में, तमिलनाडु में चुनाव चल रहे हैं, तमिलनाडु के बारे मे, महाराÂष्ट्र का व्यू प्वाइंट क्या है, महाराÂष्ट्र सरकार ने कुछ कहा है, ये सब हमारे ध्यान में है। मेरा कहना यह है कि इसके बारे में कोर्ट द्वारा एक बार अपना ऑर्डर देने के बाद उसकी मंत्री कोई व्याख्या करे यह अच्छा नहीं है। मगर, मैंने यह कहा है कि आप लोगों के जो विचार हैं, आप लोगों के जो कन्सर्न्स हैं, स्टूडेंट्स के कन्सर्न्स हैं, उनको मैं स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जी को कन्वे कर दूंगा और संबंधित लीगल ऑफिसर से बात करने के बाद, उसमें क्या करना है, उस पर हम आगे बढ़ेंगे। कुछ राज्यों ने आलरेडी एग्जामिनेशन आलरेडी कंडक्ट कर लिया है, कुछ स्टेट्स ने घोÂषणा भी की है कि हमारा एग्जामिनेशन है, हम करेंगे। ...(व्यवधान) महाराष्Âट्र ने भी कहा है।

Keeping all these things in mind, I will request the Health Minister to have a comprehensive study of the entire matter, discuss with the concerned judicial officers of the Government and then take a final view.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you.